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SUBJECT: PEOPLE'S DAILY REPORTS DEATH OF CHIANG KAI-SHEK

1. PEOPLE'S DAILY OF APRIL 7 INFORMED THE PRC POPULATION THAT CHIANG KAI-SHEK HAD DIED IN A FOUR PARAGRAPH STORY IN THE LOWER RIGHT HAND CORNER OF PAGE FOUR. THE NCNA ITEM CALLS THE LATE GENERALISSIMO "CHIEFTAIN OF THE KUOMINTANG REACTIONARES," "COMMON ENEMY OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE", "REPRESENTATIVE OF IMPERIALISM, FEUDALISM, AND BUREAUCRATIC CAPITALISM", AND "BETRAYER OF THE NATION" AND DENOUNCES HIS "BLOODY RULE" IN CHINA. IT SAYS THAT HE HAD CONTINUED AS THE ENEMY

OF THE PEOPLE AND HAD PROLONGED HIS "DEATH THROES" UNDER THE "SHELTER OF U.S. IMPERIALISM" AFTER ESCAPING TO TAIWAN.

2. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, THE ITEM NOTES THAT YEN CHIA-KAN WAS NAMED "PRESIDENT" AND ASSERTS THAT WITH CHIANG'S DEATH THE PATRIOTIC MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT PERSONNAL OF THE "CHIANG GANG" WILL SEE THE SITUATION MORE CLEARLY AND WILL ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO THE LIBERATION OF TAIWAN AND UNIFICATION OF THE MOTHERLAND. IT CLOSES WITH THE STANDARD PHRASE, "THE CHINESE PEOPLE WILL CERTAINLY LIBERATE TAIWAN."

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3. COMMENT: THE PRC LEADERSHIP IS HARDLY GRACIOUS TOWARDS ITS
ENEMIES, EVEN IN THEIR DEATH. WE CAN EXPECT A REDOUBLING OF PRC
PROPAGANDA OVERTURES TO PERSONS ON TAIWAN EMPHASIZING THE THEME
OF THE "NEW SITUATION" ON TAIWAN.
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